Irrigation

Construction of an anicut on the Kistna near its junction with Tungabhadra.

* 1447 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was a proposal at any time to construct an anicut on the Kistna at or near its junction with the Tungabhadra and form an irrigation scheme useful to the neighbouring Andhra districts;

(b) why the proposal has not been carried out; and

(c) whether the Government intend to revive the consideration of the scheme and take up its execution very early?

A.—(a) Yes. The Sangameswaram project.

(b) & (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clauses (b), (c) and (d) of question No. 423 at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 27th August 1927.

Improvement to drains in certain villages in West Godavari district.

* 1448 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the ryots of Chataparru Madepalli, Ponangi and Kovvali villages in West Godavari district had on 11th September 1927 submitted a memorial to Government praying for speedy improvements to certain drains affecting their fields;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government informed the ryots in reply that no scheme was found feasible to improve the condition of the drains in question;

(c) if the answer to (b) be in the affirmative, what the schemes were that had been examined by Government and found not feasible and what the difficulties were that were found insurmountable in that connexion; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House all relevant papers thereon?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) & (d) The Chief Engineer's letter[a] No. 600/27-C-2, dated 9th June, 1927, is laid on the table.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"It appears that more than one proposal was dropped on the ground of cost. May I know from the Government to what extent they are prepared to spend on these drains which are admitted to be in need of improvements?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"The actual figure has not been worked out."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"May I know if the Government will work out the probable cost of carrying improvements to the drains?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"We have first to see what is practicable."

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 108-109 infra.